


REMARKS

On pages 2-4 of the March 28, 2005 Office Action, the Applicant is required to elect the claims of one of five inventions identified by the Examiner for prosecution in the present application. The Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the first group of claims identified by the Examiner (Group I consisting of claims 1-18, 28-45, and 53-69). In this regard, although the Examiner refers to claims 55-69 as being included in Group I, it appears that the Examiner instead intended to refer to claims 53-59 (claims 55-57 are dependent claims, and are each dependent upon independent claim 53). If this is not the case, the Applicant respectfully requests clarification of the claims in Group I.

Early, favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if she believes it would be helpful.

Respectfully submitted,

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